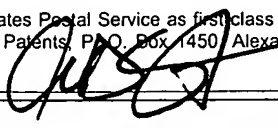


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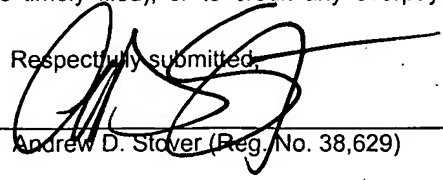
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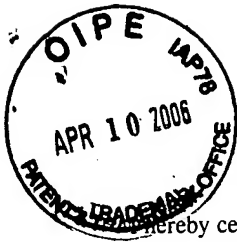
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Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL -- REQUEST FOR NEW OFFICE ACTION AND  
WITHDRAWAL OF FINALITY**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the outstanding Office Action mailed February 8,  
2006. On or about February 21, 2006, Applicants' undersigned attorney left a  
telephone message with the Examiner (1) requesting a new, *non-final* office action

and (2) that the new office action address claims 5 and 31. Applicants hereby renew that request in writing for the following reasons.

As noted on the first page of the Office Action, claims 1-31 are pending in this application with claims 2 and 15-23 withdrawn from consideration, and claims 5 and 31 are purported to be rejected. In the remainder of the Office Action (pages 2-8) however, Applicants have not been able to locate any reference to claims 5 and 31, or any basis for their rejection. Accordingly, it is not possible for Applicants to ascertain whether those claims are in fact rejected, or perhaps deemed to be allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request a new Office Action setting forth the status of claims 5 and 31, and if rejected, the basis for such a rejection.

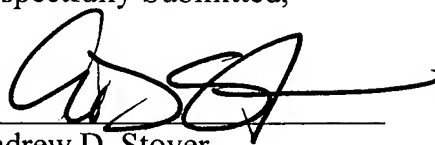
Applicants further submit that such an Office Action should not be made final. In particular, the Examiner has made a *new* rejection of claims 24-27 even though those claims were not previously amended, thereby contravening the argument that “Applicant’s amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection” (Office Action at 7). Accordingly, the finality of this action is premature and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited (*see* MPEP 706.07(a) – “Under present practice, second or any subsequent actions on the merits shall be final, *except* where the examiner introduces a new ground of rejection that is neither necessitated by applicant’s amendment of the claims. . . [and] a second or any subsequent action on the merits in any application or patent undergoing reexamination proceedings *will not be made final* if it includes a rejection, on newly cited art . . . of any claim *not amended* by applicant or patent owner in spite of the fact that other claims may have been amended to require newly cited art” (emphasis added)).

If for any reason an interview would be helpful to resolve any of these issues, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4713.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dated: April 6, 2006

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Stover', written over a horizontal line.

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